

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

00:00:00

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on January 24, 2005 at 3:12 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Glenn Roush, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)  
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Greg Lind (D).

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary  
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 9, 1/20/2005  
Executive Action: SB 233

HEARING ON SJ 9

00:12:00

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JON TESTER (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SJ 9, Requesting federal funds for St. Mary's project.

00:15:00

Proponents' Testimony:

John Bohlinger, Lt. Governor

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Gary Forrester, Montana Contractor's Association

Nancy Schleppe, Montana Farm Bureau

Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrower's Association

Kevin Smith, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC), Water Resources Division)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:30:02

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. WHEAT for SEN. TESTER

SEN. WHEAT for Kevin Smith, DNRC; question deferred to Paul Azevedo, DNRC

SEN. TASH for Paul Azevedo

SEN. CURTISS for SEN. TESTER regarding tribal negotiations

SEN. GEPHARDT for SEN. TESTER regarding watersheds

SEN. WHEAT for JOHN BOHLINGER, LT. GOVERNOR, regarding crisis management plan if needed

SEN. PERRY for SEN. TESTER

SEN. PERRY for Paul Azevedo regarding poor condition of existing infrastructure

00:45:00

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. TESTER shared additional recommendations.

00:55:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 233

Motion/Vote: SEN. WHEAT moved SB 233 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved SB 236 DO PASS.

**Motion withdrawn:** Motion was withdrawn by SEN. TOOLE to honor a request, after committee discussion, that SEN. LIND be present to defend his bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:56 P.M.

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SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

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PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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